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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is a reply to the Office Action mailed on September 2, 2010 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expired on December 2, 2010. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). With the extension, the period set to reply to the Office Action expires on January 2, 2011, which is a Sunday. This response is being filed on Monday, January 3, 2011 and is timely filed.